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1. SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP INFORMED ME SUNDAY NIGHT THAT THE GERMAN DCM GOLDSCHMIDT PRESENTED HIM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 10 WITH A VERY CAREFULLY WORDED PAPER GIVING GERMANY'S REACTION TO PARAGRAPH 12 OF THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE (FIRST DRAFT CES/78.58 - REF B). THE ONLY CHANGE IN ORIGINAL PARAGRAPH 12 WAS SUBSTITUTION OF THE WORDS "TOWARDS A HIGHER GROWTH OF THE OECD AREA" FOR "TOWARDS THE GROWTH PATH FOR THE OECD AREA AS A WHOLE ENVISAGED IN THE STRATEGY ADOPTED IN 1976". SECRETARIAT SPECULATES THIS CHANGE WAS MADE IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO ORIGINAL 5 PLUS PERCENT PER ANNUM GROWTH PATH. BALANCE OF ORIGINAL PARAGRAPH IS UNTOUCHED.
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2. SECRETARIAT WAS SURPRISED TO RECEIVE THIS TEXT BUT SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED TO DELETE MOST OF THE PARAGRAPH IN ITS FINAL COMMUNIQUE DRAFT C(78)96 REF C, BASED MAINLY ON U.S. WISHES COMMUNICATED AT HEADS OF DEL FRIDAY. SECRETARIAT ALSO UNSURE TO WHAT EXTENT GERMAN PROPOSAL REPRESENTED THOROUGH INTERAGENCY

CLEARED POSITION. THIS SUGGESTED REDRAFT IN THEIR
VIEW MAY HOWEVER REPRESENT MORE FORTHCOMING GERMAN
POSITION ON OECD MINISTERIAL CONCERTED ACTION PROGRAM
THAN WE HAD ANTICIPATED.

3. COMMENT: IN CIRCUMSTANCES U.S. DEL MAY WISH TO
TEST WATERS WITH GERMANS BILATERALLY ON COMMUNIQUE,
WELL BEFORE THE DRAFTING SESSION BEGINS.
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